

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21 – 32 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1 – 20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and rejected claims 1 – 8, 11 – 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,486,407 to Hawker et al. (hereinafter referred to as “the Hawker et al. ‘407 patent”); rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Hawker et al. ‘407 patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,292,257 to Milan (hereinafter referred to as “the Milan ‘257 patent”); rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Hawker et al. ‘407 patent; and rejected claims 19 – 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hawker in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,532,800 to Adinamis et al (hereinafter referred to as “the Adinamis et al. ‘800 patent”).

By this Response and Amendment, claims 1 – 20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 21 – 32 are newly added. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter to this application within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 132. Support for the looms having at least four, at least six and at least seven cores can be found on page 6, lines 16 – 19 of the originally filed specification. Support for the dependent claims can be found at page 4, lines 14 – 16 and at page 4, line 27 through page 5, line 6.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected “the claims” under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being narrative and indefinite. No particular claims were identified, but the Examiner made note of use of the phrase “a mains.”

RESPONSE

It is submitted that the newly presented claims are not narrative or indefinite, and thus obviate the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In regards to the Examiner's concerns over the phrase "a mains," the present claims now refer only to "a mains switched supply location," which Applicant submits obviates the Examiner's particular rejections over this phrase.

Prior Art Rejections

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 8, 11 – 16 and 18 as being anticipated by the Hawker et al. '407 patent; rejected claims 9 and 10 as being unpatentable over the Hawker et al. '407 patent in view of the Milan '257 patent; rejected claim 17 as being unpatentable over the Hawker et al. '407 patent; and rejected claims 19 – 20 as being unpatentable over Hawker in view of the Adinamis et al. '800 patent.

Response

By this Response and Amendment, Applicant traverses the Examiner's anticipation and obviousness rejections since all of the features of the presently claimed subject matter are not disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited prior art. For a reference to anticipate an invention, all of the elements of that invention must be present in the reference. The test for anticipation under section 102 is whether each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); MPEP §2131. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the Examiner must establish that the prior art references teach or suggest all

of the claim features. *Amgen, Inc. v. Chugai Pharm. Co.*, 18 USPQ2d 1016, 1023 (Fed. Cir. 1991); *In re Fine*, 5 USPQ2d 1596, 1598 (Fed. Cir. 1988); *In re Wilson*, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970).

By this Response and Amendment, claims 1 – 20 have been cancelled and claims 21 – 32 have been added. Applicant submits that the presently cited prior art neither anticipates nor renders obvious the presently claimed subject matter as recited in newly submitted claims 21 – 32.

Independent claim 21 recites “[a] loom for wiring of an electrical power supply for a building from a mains switched supply location, there being at least one cable having at least four insulated electrically conducting cores being at least a first core, a second core, a third core and a fourth core, the cores being held together for a substantial length of the cable....”

Independent claim 25 recites “[a] loom for wiring of an electrical power supply for a building from a mains switched supply location, there being at least one cable having at least six separately insulated electrically conducting cores being at least a first core, a second core, a third core, a fourth core, a fifth core and a sixth core....” And independent claim 29 recites “A loom for wiring of an electrical power supply for a building from a mains switched supply location, there being at least one cable having at least seven separately insulated electrically conducting cores being at least a first core, a second core, a third core, a fourth core, a fifth core, a sixth core, and a seventh core....”

The Hawker et al. '407 patent discloses an electricity distribution system such as a power strip that has adjustable outlets. The Adinamis et al. '800 patent discloses a light fixture that can be used as a decorative light. And the Milan '257 patent is drawn to a modular surge protector. However, in contrast to the presently claimed subject matter as recited in new independent claims 21, 25 and 29, none of the cited prior art references, alone or in any combination with

each other discloses, teaches or suggests "at least four insulated electrically conducting cores" as recited in claim 21, "at least six" as recited in claim 25 or "at least seven" as recited in claim 29.

Figure 6 of the Hawker et al. '407 patent shows three cores 73, but no more than three.

Moreover, none of the references, alone or in any combination with each other discloses, teaches or suggests that two sets of sockets are attached to two different insulated sets of cores as recited in claim 21. The Hawker et al. '407 patent discloses five sockets, each of which shares the same three cores 73 (through three buses 76). However, this differs from the presently claimed subject matter in that the prior art cannot handle multiple phases. The Adinamis et al. '800 patent is silent with respect to these features.

Since all of the features of newly added claims 21, 25 and 29 are not disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited prior art, the cited prior art references, alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate the newly added claims nor render them obvious. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

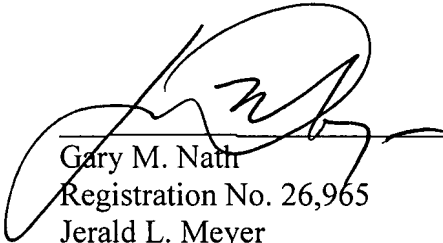
In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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